

18 August 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation with Gordon Negus, DIA/ED

1. Charles E. Allen opened the 12 August 1988 meeting with Gordon Negus, DIA/ED, in Negus's office, with a description of his activities in warning and his plans for the development of the National Warning Staff. Mr. Allen described the status of plans to link his two offices, the NWS and the NIO/W's Office at CIA, outlined the operational orientation he was giving to warning and in which he was concentrating much effort, and cited his success in obtaining memoranda of agreement from both the Navy and Marine Corps to staff the NWS. He also thanked Mr. Negus for DIA's cooperation to date in acquiring new equipment and supporting his effort to modernize the NWS.

2. Mr. Negus asked whether the NWS really did anything useful. Mr. Allen replied that a small staff makes a large difference by going beyond current analysis to assess threats. [] added details that the NWS was the genesis of Project Firefighter, the National Warning Course, new JCS definitions of Warning and JNIDs-4, and contributed importantly to Graduated Mobilization Response and Crisis Deterrence studies sponsored by various OSD offices, worked with the Joint Staff, taught courses overseas to foreign services, pioneered in new methods and worked closely with DIA/JSW. Mr. Negus stated he needed to get down to visit the NWS and asked that an appointment be made after the return of DIA Director, Lt. Gen. Perroots.

3. Mr. Allen then urged that further progress hinged critically on DIA providing the personnel it had promised in earlier correspondence with the NIO/W on a two-year rotational basis--two analysts, a secretary and a technician. Of these, Mr. Allen noted the secretary and technician were needed most urgently. Mr. Negus was unaware and surprised that the NWS lacked any support personnel.

4. Mr. Allen then indicated that he had been authorized by VC/NIC to expand his search for a new ANIO/W and he inquired about DIA's willingness to support [] in that capacity. Mr. Negus indicated that DIA conducts a personnel selection panel for such items, which will take about 30 days to set up, and [] could throw his hat in the ring. Mr. Negus then asked about [] status and was surprised to learn that he was a DIA overhire without a designated rater since 1985 and not carried against any DIA manning roster. Mr. Negus offered that [] had fallen through the crack.

5. Mr. Allen stated that in addition to a good assistant he also needed a senior experienced analyst to direct and manage the NWS in the Pentagon so as to meet the NIO/W's commitment to the services to return well-trained warning analysts after a two-year tour of duty with the NWS. He requested DIA's support for re-establishing the position of Director of NWS at a Grade 15 and indicated that [redacted] continued support would be welcome in that position as well. Mr. Negus took notes throughout the discussion of personnel matters and concluded by saying "I'll take care of it."

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